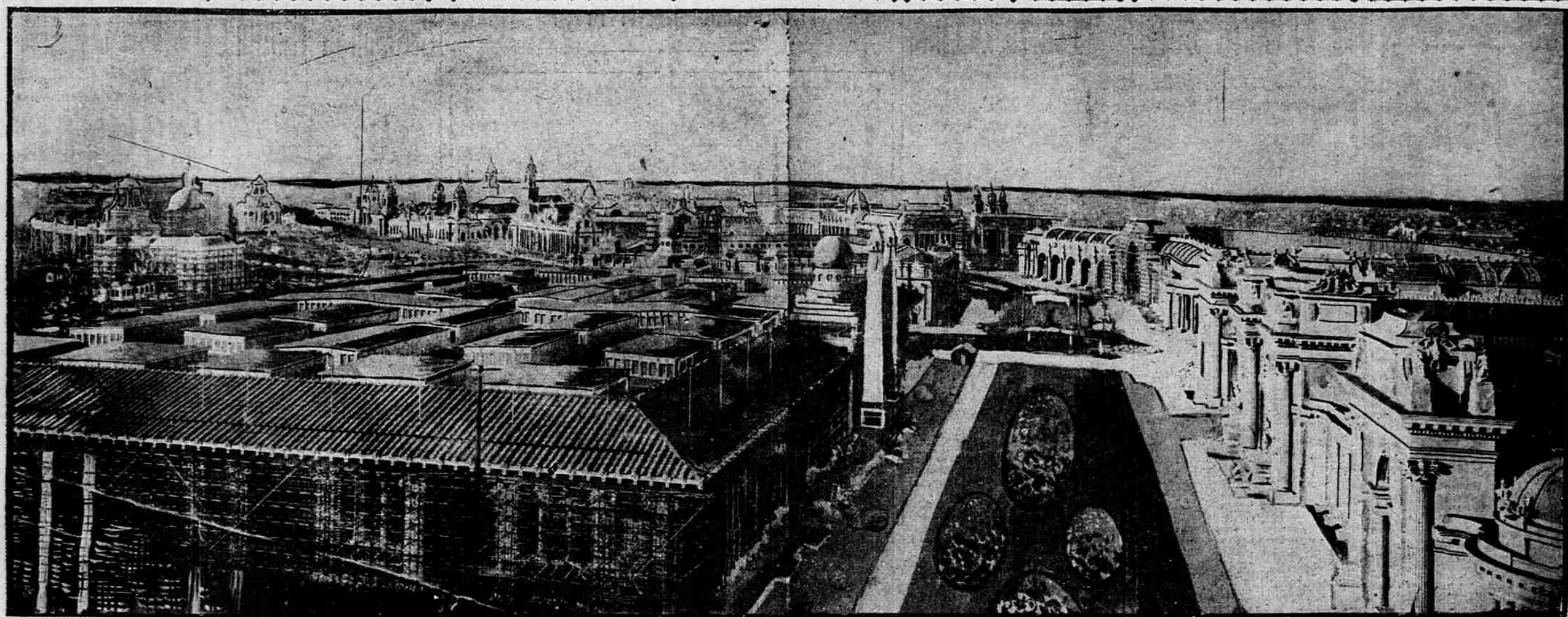


PANORAMIC VIEW OF WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS FROM DOME OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUILDING.



MOST RECENT VIEW OF THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS, SHOWING THE COMPLETED CONDITION OF THE GREAT EXHIBIT PALACES, AND GENERAL ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN FROM THE DOME OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUILDING, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST POINT AT THE EASTERN END OF THE GROUNDS.

Christmas finds the principal construction work on the World's Fair grounds completed, and the great exhibit palaces ready to receive the displays from all quarters of the globe.

Four more months remain before the gates are opened, and in that time the various departments will bring their work to such a point that the Exposition will be in more completed state than was ever the case at the opening of a previous international exposition.

To the visitor at the Fair grounds at this time there appears an enormous

amount of work still to be done, and it seems almost incredible that it can be accomplished by April 30. The men building the Exposition, however, know that they can have everything in readiness for the opening.

Each separate amount of work has been carefully planned, and those having it in charge know just what time will be required to complete it. They have figured time, quantity and labor needed to specification, and can fit them in place as exactly as one would adjust the parts of a puzzle.

The ten chief exhibit palaces, which are the largest buildings on the grounds and among the greatest structures ever erected, are completed. Their interiors have been swept clear of debris, and the Division of Exhibits is preparing to take possession of them.

The Exposition is now the central point toward which freight movements from all over the world are heading. Railroads, ocean steamers, river craft, caravans of camels, pack trains and every variety of transportation operated by the nations are carrying toward St. Louis, the splen-

did exhibits which will make the Fair the greatest the world has ever seen.

Already great train loads of exhibits have begun to arrive on the grounds. These are for the most part from points within the United States, but the quota of Europe, Asia and Africa will begin to arrive early next month, and continue to pour in until well into April.

It is doubtful if so cosmopolitan a gathering of laborers was ever seen in the same area as is now engaged on the Exposition grounds. Japan, China, Belgium, Sweden, the Philippine Islands, France, England, Germany, Cuba, Alaska, Ceylon

and Brazil have sent native workmen to carry out typical architectural designs with which they will be represented at the Fair.

Besides these foreign workmen, who are engaged on special construction work, the ordinary laborers on the grounds represent many nations. The staff workers are for the most part from Italy, Greece and other countries of Southern Europe. Mural painters are largely from France, Belgium and Switzerland. At work on the Jerusalem exhibit are Turks, Arabs and Persians. A large force of laborers from Austria, Germany and Hungary is employed on the Tyrolean Alps concession. Egypt, India and several other foreign lands have representation in the labor em-

ployed in concession construction on the Pike.

At this time the busiest part of the grounds is the top of Art Hill. Festival Hall and the Palace of Fine Arts are being rushed to completion. The first of these structures is breaking all previous records for rapid building. It is almost impossible to see it grow from day to day.

The framework is entirely of wood, so that the cold weather does not interfere at all with the construction work. On the coldest days, even when snow and sleet are falling, the carpenters remain at their posts. The heavy beams are hoisted into place and the wall timbers nailed on them with incredible speed.

The temporary wings of the Palace of Fine Arts are completed, and the central structure, which is of heavy stone, and will remain after the Exposition, is nearing completion. The annex, which will be known as the Hall of Sculpture, is being constructed of brick, and will be ready to receive exhibits early next year.

On the Pike about twenty different concessions are in course of erection. The central avenue is paved, and the lighting standards have been set in place. Most of the Pike buildings are of the kind which can be rapidly put up, and the Exposition management is confident that all of them will be completed long before the date set for opening the Fair.

MOB ATTACKED HUNGARIAN COLONY.

Two Little Girls Were Missing From Home and Foreigners Were Suspected.

INNOCENT PERSONS BEATEN.

Houses Were Entered and Furniture Smashed Before the Children Were Found at Home of a Neighbor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—The suburb of Haughville was the scene of a riotous demonstration to-day, and for hours the police were totally unable to cope with the situation. Men, women and children seemed utterly beside themselves, and but for the perseverance of the police and the intervention of some less excited crowds, there would have been wholesale murder of foreigners.

Rossland and Mary Land, 35 and 5 years old, respectively, children of a farmer who lives near the city limits, went to a Christmas entertainment in Haughville last evening. Mr. Land had agreed to call for them and take them home. When the entertainment closed, the parents of the children were not there, and the little girls walked home, but found no one there. Mr. Land and his wife had come to the city to do some shopping, and had not reached the hall until the children had left.

Finding the house dark, the children went to the home of a relative, where they spent the night.

When the parents did not find the girls at home, they sounded the alarm, and several persons started out to search for them. They had been seen in the suburb, near the homes of some Hungarians, and when they could not be found the citizens

concluded that they had been kidnapped. This feeling grew during the early morning hours, and when daylight came there was a rush for the Hungarian section, and houses were forced open and searched.

MOB'S DEPREDACTIONS.

Reports were started that the girls had been seen in the company of some of the foreigners, and this maddened the crowd, which began to demolish furniture, break dishes, tear up clothing and commit other depredations in the houses they entered.

Some of the foreigners abandoned their homes to the mob. Stanislaus Goeckl and George Murach tried to prevent the crowd from entering their houses. Both men were set upon and beaten until they were insensible. They were thrown out of their houses by the mob and a search of the places made.

In the meantime, the police had reached the scene, but the mob was so frantic from excitement and so positive that the children had been kidnapped that it could not be restrained. Women urged on the men and the children showed resistance when the police tried to reason with the crowd.

The father of the missing girls was leading the search and tried to prevent injury to the foreigners, but the mob did not care. They entered the houses and other missiles were hurled at the fleeing Hungarians and their windows and furniture destroyed.

The resistance of Goeckl and Murach seemed to inflame the crowd more than anything else, and when the two wounded men were carried to a place of shelter they were sought out again and beaten. Other foreigners were attacked and beaten and then the whole foreign colony abandoned their homes and fled to the country.

While the fury of the mob was at its height, the police called the two children were with relatives and the mob dispersed.

AFFLICTED MOTHER FALLS WITH BABY AT COLISEUM.

Mrs. Peck, Carrying Infant in Arms and Lending Three Little Boys, Goes From Dinner to Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Peck of No. 142 E. Fulton street fell in an epileptic fit at Thirteenth and St. Charles streets yesterday afternoon, after leaving the Coliseum, where she and her children had been to the dinner given for the poor.

Her husband is a tailor, but is out of work, and has been sick. She carried in her arms her 3-months-old baby, who had been born on this week. It was a girl, and the mother had been told that it was a boy. They arrived too late to receive any candy or toys, but enjoyed the dinner.

After the dinner, Mrs. Peck and her children were taken to the City Hospital. She was found lying on the ground, and the children were with her. The mother had been told that the baby was a boy, but it was a girl.

POPE'S PLANS FOR AMERICA.

Desires to Give Larger Measure of Home Rule.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The Pope has expressed a desire to confer with the principal American statesmen regarding the larger measure of home rule than is now enjoyed. His Holiness has discussed the plans with Cardinals Gotti, Logue, Moran and Gibbons, and he wishes to hear the opinions of Archbishop Parley, Williams, Ryan, Ireland, Chapelle and Quigley.

The plan includes, it is said, the appointment of a primate in America, probably Cardinal Gibbons, to whom several attributes of the Congregation of the Propaganda will be transferred, and by whom in turn will be delegated to the Archbishop of the several ecclesiastical provinces a large quantity of business now dealt with by the Propaganda.

STUFFED ANIMAL EXHIBIT.

World's Fair Collection Will Surpass Any in the World.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The exhibit of stuffed animals that is in course of preparation by the taxidermist of the National Museum for the Universal Exposition is rapidly being completed, and when in place in the building in St. Louis will be probably the finest collection of this character in the world.

The latest addition to the show is an eighteen-foot giraffe, the finishing touches having been put on this week. It will be placed in a conspicuous position in the exhibit and will undoubtedly attract much attention. The giraffe, but a few years ago a common animal on the plains of South Africa, is rapidly being exterminated, and the specimen sent to the National Museum is one of the finest that has ever been so preserved.

Another rare animal from Africa is the eland, generally considered by zoologists to be the connecting link between the antelope and domestic ox, and the museum is to be congratulated upon having procured two of the complete skeletons and skins of this animal for its collection. They are both fine specimens, a male and a female, and will be prepared for exhibit at once.

PLENTY TO EAT FOR THE POOR.

Charitable Organizations Glad Hearts of Many by Providing Christmas Dinners.

The poor and destitute of St. Louis were made happy yesterday by the generous donations of citizens and the efforts of charitable organizations.

The St. Louis Provident Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society and other societies took pains to see that those on their dependent lists were furnished good dinners, and that other needs were supplied.

The St. Louis Elks made their annual tour and distributed baskets of food among deserving families who were in want, and supplied money in extreme cases.

TOYS FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Fifteen Thousand Fed at the Coliseum and More Than Thirteen Hundred Baskets Sent to Families.

The Christmas entertainment of the Levee Mission Sunday School, Main and Market streets, will take place Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A tree will be provided, and every person attending will receive a gift. Special gifts will be presented to the regular attendants of the Sunday school. The attendance at the mission last Sunday was 296, and of this number 256 were in the primary department.

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POLITICIAN KILLED BY TRAIN.

Insurance Policy for \$5,000 Found in His Pocket.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Hugh A. Mullen, one of the proprietors of the Sunday Philadelphia World, and well known in local politics, was instantly killed to-night by being struck by a train.

Among the papers found in his pocket was an accident insurance policy for \$5,000. Mr. Mullen was 36 years old.

WOUNDS LANDLADY KILLS HIMSELF.

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HOPEFUL VOYAGE ENDS IN SORROW.

Lillian Bennett Arrives From England to Wed William Good, Who Was Killed in Wreck.

New York, Dec. 25.—Lillian Bennett, a steamer passenger on the steamship Cedric, which arrived to-day, is passing the saddest Christmas of her life.

She expected to be met at the pier by Ambrose Good, her intended husband, and they were to have been married here to-day, starting at once for the home he had prepared for his bride in McKeesport, Pa.

First the ship, delayed by bad weather, did not reach this port yesterday, as was expected, and the bride-to-be was grieving over the fact that the wedding could not take place before to-morrow, when at last, starting at once for the home he had prepared for his bride in McKeesport, Pa., she was among the killed in the wreck of the Duquesne express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Wednesday night.

IS NOT PERMITTED TO LAND.

Utterly Overcome by News of Death of Her Fiance, Whom She Knew From Childhood—Intended Wedding Day Spent in Tears.

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NEGRO FOOTPAD ASSAULTS WOMAN.

Mrs. E. McGill Beaten by Robber Near Her Home on Adams Street.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—Mrs. E. McGill, who lives on Adams street, was assaulted by a negro footpad to-day, and was beaten and robbed.

The robbery occurred just at the corner of the alley on Cardinal avenue, near Adams street. Mrs. McGill was walking alone, and was approached by a negro who asked her for money.

She refused, and the negro became violent. He struck her on the head with a brick, and then tried to force her into a nearby building. She screamed, and a passerby intervened, but the negro fled.

Mrs. McGill was taken to the City Hospital, where she is now recovering from her injuries. The police are searching for the robber.

KNIFE HELD OVER VICTIM.

Failing to Secure Purse, Highwayman Steals Christmas Packages—Illness of Father Prevents Outcry.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—A highwayman who failed to secure a purse, and who was carrying a knife, was caught to-day by the police.

The highwayman was seen by a police officer on a street near the city limits. He was carrying a knife, and was acting suspiciously. The officer stopped him, and he fled.

The highwayman was caught by the police, and is now in custody. He is charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and with attempting to rob a person.

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Forecast: Illinois—Fair Saturday, with a cold wave; colder in extreme south portions; high north winds. Sunday, fair and not so cold.

Missouri—Fair and continuing cold Saturday; colder in the south portion. Sunday, fair and not so cold.

Eastern Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh north winds.

Western Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh north winds.

For Arkansas—Fair and much colder Saturday. Sunday, fair.

LOCAL REPORT.

St. Louis, Friday, Dec. 25, 1903.

Barometer, inches.....29.9
Thermometer, degrees.....32.1
Relative humidity.....70
Direction of wind.....N.W.
Velocity of wind.....10
Precipitation.....0.00
Weather at 7 a. m. clear; at 7 p. m. clear.
Minimum temperature, 24; maximum temperature, 32. Stage of river at 7 a. m. 45.0.

GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

St. Louis, Dec. 25, 1903, at 6:00 p. m. local time. The following is a summary of the observations made at the various stations during the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. local time.

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